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Mr. Robert Gates
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Dear Mr. Gates:

In the past, the CIA has made public dollar cost and ruble cost comparisons of estimated Soviet defense spending and U.S. defense spending. This is to request such comparisons for each of the years 1970 through 1983, and that the figures be provided to me on an unclassified basis.

You may be aware that these comparisons have been made available in the past, but not in the last year or so. In view of the revised estimates of Soviet defense spending since 1976, I believe it would be appropriate to update the comparisons.

Your cooperation will be deeply appreciated.

Sincerely

Vice Chairman

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